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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Mound City – Volunteer of the Year for 2009 was recently awarded at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge during the volunteer recognition picnic on Saturday, October 17. Each year, the refuge staff selects an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the refuge. The first Volunteer of the Year at Squaw Creek was awarded to the late Dr. J. Bruce McRae in 1991. Others awarded from the local community include the Mound City Kiwanis Club in 1994, Irvin Holstine in 2002 and Jim Broker in 2003.

This year Carrie Wilson, Mound City, was selected. She was one of more than 98 individuals that volunteered at least one hour the past 12 months. The 98 individuals donated a total of 3,335 hours with an estimated value of more than \$65,000 of labor. Carrie has been actively involved volunteering during the past few years in a variety of programs at Squaw Creek including the Junior Naturalist Program. She was also involved in the filming of a new refuge introductory DVD that is being produced by the Fish and Wildlife Service at the National Conservation Training Center. Her name will be added to the recognition plaque hanging in the refuge office.

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